

Boston. March 11th 1839.

Dear Debouch,

After I had sent the letter to you to Weymouth I called on Mrs Garrison. I learned from her that Mr. Parker had favored the removal of the names from the request, by as many different statements as there were people to be addressed. She said to some that their conduct was unconstitutional to others that the object of the meeting was to get Thompson here. & that as he (T) had gone off without paying his debts, the measure was unadvised for. & the meeting had better not be held. Another reason was the expense! (5 \$/00.) Mrs G. was as might be expected very indignant. Mr & Mrs Johnson paid part of the evening here & Mrs G. gave us an account of the Board meeting. Mary and the 62 Problem which upon reading will amuse you. They then paid & conned the matter & finally decided that no Board meeting was necessary for Mrs Southwick and Mrs Johnson bore a faithful testimony, saying that "what the Board thought was not the question, but did the members of the Soc with a meeting. Mrs E. R. Davis paid the voted for a meeting for she thought if no one else wished for a meeting, yet if Mrs Chapman did she had labored enough in the cause to have one called." Mrs Battell has left the office of Rec. Soc. & Miss Gould is chosen. Sunday morning I went to Mr Ide's (the Federal St Ch) to hear Mr Charles, & in the afternoon to the 6 o'clock where he preached. His sermons were extremely good, but not an allusion to the Slave in either prayer or sermon.

March 12. I will take up just where I left off. Dr Follen preached for Dr Channing all day and did very well, though he said nothing special but he prayed for the oppressed. I had previously been invited to Kennett's to take tea & pass the night. John James, his mother & Mrs Parker were there to tea & I had considerable talk with the conquering hero. He was very agreeable & pleasant and talked a good deal about the Bates', thinks Eliza Letts' match a very good one; he says her engagement has been a source of great improvement, both as to mind and manner as banting. He is a very superior person. Epes, Mary Bowditch, her cousin & sister & Henry, all the Adams' & young Gree came in the evening. I liked Epes much better than I had ever done before. He was quite goodnatured & agreeable. His fiancee looked pretty & smiled duly upon all. The Adams were no less as usual. I talked somewhat with Dr B. about anti slavery and non resistance. He is very firm now to both but there is a spin loose somewhere. He can not reason for any length of time without straying from the point.

I spent the nights at H's and came home early in the morning. I found that Fielder had passed the evening at West St. the night before. He was looking so pale & thin & was hardly able to sit up. No allusion was made by him to his brother's death nor by them. They disputed less than usual & were more mild in their manners but that was all. - I suppose you may have seen the scandalous report of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, concerning the Lynn & Dorchester women's petition. On that account Oliver Johnson has got up a petition which his wife has been circulating & called here with & of course, all hands signed it. It comes out very boldly & asks for the repeal of the laws relative to marriage on the ground that it is an unconstitutional one as well as utterly reprobate to right and freedom. Mrs Johnson heads it. In the evening came the meeting of the Boston A.S. Society. The Marlboro' Chapel was thronged; more than 2000 present & many people of property & standing and many of the legislators. Wendell called the meeting to order & Brown is Jackson was chosen to preside. Garrison moved a string of resolutions that were grat united, as you will see when The Liberator comes out. He made a very few pungent remarks & sat down. Quincy followed. He spoke well, but produced no great effect. He bore an honorarable testimony on the marriage law however. Wendell came next & his speech was beautiful - just the thing; almost as fine as his state house speech. He tore the Legislature all to pieces, then ground them to atoms then plowed them on the water. He came out with the outside of the colour law & slenormed dividers as they fit for the representative of scurrillous & licentious profiteers, incapable of appreciating or understanding such hearts as those of the women of Lynn, answering with "a fool born just" the reasons he could confute in no other way. Stanton finished which was part of a failure as his speech in the first part was an old one, & in the latter part all went to bon-bon. I think Phillips' previous flight had disheartened him, & moreover, he must have felt how he was looked upon by the faithful. Mary Robbins who attended him this morning, says that, the town is convulsed with rage at last night's proceedings. The Legislature are ready to Lynch Wendell. This morning Sarah Barker was to appear before a Committee of

the Legis. late. as Mint has managed to have such a Committee appointed, on the ground, that the petition of the women of Dorchester was forgery. Sarah has been in perfect anguish. The am out of the story is that Sarah under a misapprehension placed the names of Mrs Sandford & Mrs Spaulding to a petition and that the Sandfords as might be expected from Clerical Appellants move an appeal about it & that Mint got hold of it & scoured the town of Dorchester making mischief. Sarah was cited to appear before the Committee & she came to Boston to get her to go to be there. She thought her a clerical person, yet as she had the truth on her side, she thought it our duty to stand by her. So on this morning at 9. Wendell & Collins & Mary & Maria & I proceeded to the State House where was assembled the Committee. Sarah & about 20 more women and a room filled with men. Mint bore down upon Sarah with great venom, but felt power but had when he found the Abolitionists made common cause with Sarah, Broadbent & Wendell both appeared well. Wendell acted as Sarah's counsel & Broadbent as a witness. The matter was put off till Friday to give Sarah time to a chance to have Sarah present. Every body seems to think that Sarah only in an unfortunate mistake, whereas Mint tries to prove intent (bore forgery). - Wednesday afternoon. I am writing for the stage and hope to get this letter to you alone before it comes. I thought it but right to have Maria show a little courtesy to Broadbent & I therefore determined to have last night "a hang out." I went for Birney but he had gone to Newburyport. We asked Garrison & Johnson but they did not come; so we had only Misses Broadbent & Collins and James & Mary Robbins. We had a very agreeable evening and I liked Broadbent very much, tho' he is so deaf that I have to holler as loud as I ever did to Mrs Sampson. He is thorough, & he appeared wonderfully delighted - March 16. Saturday evening. I had reached that point when the stage came to the door. At this distance of time, I cannot exactly tell what delighted Broadbent but guess it was Maria. I called the morning I came out of town at the Sargent's & the Chapman's. I was so sick all the way out to Newburyport that I had a miserable time. We found all well at our house, the workers unusually well. Hervey is, as always he is still poor. He looks pretty well. But I was

much troubled to find them all so miserably at Grounds.
Aunt Mary does not look so very bad, but she seems all
pulled down, she says she has had a long fever & now
her side is very sore & lame, she has a bad cough & is
very weak. Still I hope she will get up best spirits &
then her health. But I feel disengaged about Aunt Pats
illness. She is not an atom better & I am fearful some
times that they never will all be well again.

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Let me
know & my
friends & my
one to ground so long
as you will be

Miss Deborah Weston.



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I some expect Henry or women or somebody out to morrow
if so his wife go back with them. Little Henry seems
better already. I shall go in town a week from Monday
to the meetings. I am very anxious to hear from you.
I hope you or Caroline or some body will be over to make
some arrangement for Lui in that she may go to school
as it seems a pity to waste time. Lui, by the way,
desires you to give her your monsieur de laune & Thomas
her most request and you can do about it as you see fit.
I shall hope to have a letter from you to morrow by the way
of Boston. Yes ever
a. w. w.

Very & carried with us. The climate here
a little smoke & even here in which gets
a heavy freight the trout becomes fat. You can
see the former hen in a column in the Post of Day
Maria has had a letter from G. Smith who is here
Clint may is, think, better. Please so so.